



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Ada

Legislative District(s) 14-21

Function or Conservation District Mission

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District cooperates with Federal, State, Local, and Private organizations to promote the conservation and wise use of all natural resources and to provide conservation education for Ada County residents.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Seven new EQIP contracts for \$525,000.00, representing 69 BMPs and 2090 acres.
- Completed 14 conservation plans for small acreage landowners.
- Five WQPA contracts for \$59,302.66, for the Fifteenmile Watershed, representing 21 practices.
- Meridian NRCS provided leadership for Ada county participation in the four county C.J. Strike Watershed for CSP. Ada SWCD researched, inventoried collected and analyzed participant eligibility in the CSP watershed. Results were: mass mailing of CSP invitation letter, eligibility questionnaire and public meeting site notice to 725 potential applicants in 33 states and 3 countries.

Conservation District Priority # 1 WATER QUALITY

- EQIP – assisted 37 potential applicants.
- Ranked 16 applicants.
- Planned and contracted 7 participants

Conservation District Priority #2 DISTRICT OPERATIONS

- Received annual funding increase from Ada County Commissioners, which enabled hiring a part-time SWCD employee to provide “on the ground” technical assistance to small acreage landowners.
- The SWCD, IASCD, NRCS partnership interviewed 3 City Mayors, 2 City Council Presidents and the Ada County Commissioners in Eagle, Meridian, Kuna and Star, to identify resource concerns and explore possible partnering on achieving similar natural resource conservation goals.
- The SWCD Initiated an intensive strategic planning session to identify a new vision, mission and goals for the District.

Conservation District Priority # 3 URBAN

- Conservation plans were developed for 14 small acreage landowners to help them identify resources concerns on their land and give them help in solving these issues.
- Continued partnership with Ada County in groundwater monitoring in Barber Park.
- Continued partnership with the Extension Service to provide conservation education and assistance to small acreage landowners.
- Provided extensive wetland resource information on the Fivemile/Victory Wetland, to the National Wetland Initiative, for their Spotlight on Constructed Wetland in the U. S.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- SWCD provided three students with scholarships for the 2004 Natural Resources Workshop.
- The District helped sponsor and participated in the Soil Judging Contest, held in Parma.
- The SWCD was sponsored a team for the 2005 Envirothon in Challis. Diane Miller, the Administrative Assistant, volunteered at the event.
- The District participated in the Western Idaho Fair's Food Producers Ag Pavilion with a wetland conservation display. Diane Miller, Paul Mumm and Ron Streng worked as volunteers.
- Participated in the 2005 Legislative Display at the Capitol.
- Skip Vetten, NRCS and Paul Mumm taught a range class for small acreage landowners at the U of I Extension Service in Caldwell.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Organized the Legislative Luncheon for 8 of the 11 Division III districts. The theme centered around small acreage landowners and how the districts are dealing with their natural resource issues. There were also 2 guest speakers, Kevin Laughlin, from U of I Extension Service and John Chatburn from the Idaho Department of Agriculture.
- The District had creek signs made and installed at 48 creek crossings and on major roadways, in cooperation with the Ada County Commissioners, to help educate the public about existing natural waterways in Ada County.
- Participated in Southwest RC&D meetings.
- Held annual Work Group Meeting.
- Meet regularly with Ada County Commissioners for cooperative projects.
- Worked with Barber Park Renovation Project as advisors for groundwater issues.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 10,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 18,097.55
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 59,302.66
USDA NRCS	EQIP	\$ 525,000.00